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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/050,907; Filed: January 18, 2002
For: **Apparatus And Methods For Separating Liquids From Solids**
Inventor(s): Willie Stroup
Our Ref: 02514.0007.NPUS01

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventor;
4. Return postcard; and
5. Our Check No. 009651 for \$888.00 to cover:

\$740.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

\$ 18.00 extra claim fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

\$130.00 Surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16).

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.08-3038 referencing docket number 02514.0007.NPUS01. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then



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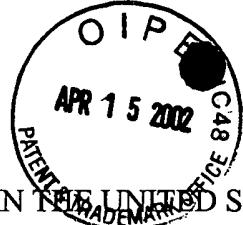
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such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.08-3038 referencing docket number 02514.0007.NPUS01. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of: STROUP

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In response to the **Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted** dated February 14, 2002, Applicant submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
- Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the inventors;
- An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
[or]
- An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee with Delegation;
- Assignee Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) with copy of Assignment attached;
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\$ 18.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$18.
 - \$18 for 1 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 888.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*



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